



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

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To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: **Applicants' Briefings Week of April 27: Disaster Recovery Funding Available to Nonprofit Organizations in New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties**

In response to the severe winter storms of January 26 – 28, 2015 and at the request of Governor Daniel P. Malloy, President Barack Obama has made funding available to nonprofit organizations, municipalities and state agencies for disaster recovery assistance in New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties.

<http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=4010&Q=563764>

The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection will be holding Applicants' Briefings across the region from **Tuesday, April 28 – Friday, May 1**. From their recent release:

It is essential that all eligible applicants send a representative to one of the briefings. It is strongly recommended that the representative be the applicant's chief financial officer (or designee) or the head of the applicant's public works department (or designee).

Qualifying private nonprofit organizations are those that provide education, medical, custodial care, emergency, utility, certain irrigation facilities, and other essential governmental services.

Essential governmental services are:

- museums;
- performing arts facilities;
- community arts centers;
- zoos;
- community centers;
- libraries; homeless shelters;
- rehabilitation facilities;

- senior citizen centers;
- shelter workshops; and
- health and safety services of a governmental nature, such as:
 - low-income housing;
 - alcohol and drug treatment centers;
 - residences and other facilities offering programs for battered spouses;
 - facilities offering food programs for the needy; and
 - daycare centers for children or those individuals with special needs (such as those with Alzheimer's disease, autism, and muscular dystrophy).

For the complete schedule of Applicants' Briefings and additional information, see the attached memo from William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. If you have questions, please contact Dana Conover, Public Assistance Coordinator, at (860) 883-3904 or via email at dana.conover@ct.gov.

Additional disaster assistance funding is available through the U.S. Small Business Administration in the form of low interest rate disaster loans as described in the attached press release. Eligible nonprofit organizations are located in New London, Tolland, and Windham counties and include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools, and colleges. Eligible organizations may borrow up to \$2 million at an interest rate of 2.625 percent with terms up to 30 years. Applicants may also be eligible for a loan amount increase to make improvements that help prevent the risk of future property damage caused by a similar disaster.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. More information can be found online at www.sba.gov/disaster or by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

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